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## Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC)

*The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development GIRC will be closed the week of January 23 – 27, 2006.*

## Special Announcements

**Mining for Gold – How to Read Foundation Tax Returns.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* will host an information session on how to read and understand foundation 990-PF forms. Kathy Jankowski, research director and publisher of GrantsDirect.com, will help you to understand how foundations operate by studying their gifts received, officers and directors, and the grants lists. It's not all about foundations giving to you; it's about you realizing how your organization intersects with their patterns of giving. The workshop will take place on February 13, 2006, from 10:00 a.m.-noon, at One Judiciary Square, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 1117. To register, contact Dawn Mitchell at (202) 727-8900 or [dawn.mitchell@dc.gov](mailto:dawn.mitchell@dc.gov).

**Sustainable Funding For Your Mission.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* will host a free introductory session facilitated by Raising More Money. The session will provide an overview of a system for building sustainable funding for the mission of organizations from individual donors; how to leave a legacy of mission-centered individual giving; how to continuously identify and introduce ideal donors to organizations; and how to personally cultivate people

to become lifelong donors. The session will be held on February 15, 2006, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., at One Judiciary Square, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Room 1107-N, Washington, DC 20001. To RSVP your attendance, you must register at:

<http://sforce.raisingmoremoney.com/intros/midatlantic.htm>, scroll down to this session, and select "Register". For further information, contact Camille Ball at [Camille.ball@raisingmoremoney.com](mailto:Camille.ball@raisingmoremoney.com)

## Federal Opportunities

**Assertive Adolescent and Family Treatment.** *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to address gaps in substance abuse services and/or to increase the ability of States, units of local government, community-based, and faith-based organizations to help specific populations or geographic areas with serious, emerging substance abuse problems. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is March 29, 2006. Approximately \$5,200,000 is available to fund 17 awards up to \$300,000. A match is required. For further information, contact Randolph Muck at (240) 276-1576 or [randy.muck@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:randy.muck@samhsa.hhs.gov); or go to: [http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/TI\\_06\\_007\\_a\\_adolescent.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/TI_06_007_a_adolescent.aspx). GrantID: GD935

**Early Reading First Program.** *Department of Education* announces funds to support local efforts to enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool-age children, especially those from low-income families, through strategies,

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materials, and professional development that are grounded in scientifically based reading research. Eligible applicants include independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, nonprofit, faith-based, and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is May 8, 2006. Approximately \$102,087,000 is available to fund 23 awards. For further information, contact Jill Stewart at (202) 260-2533 or [jill.stewart@ed.gov](mailto:jill.stewart@ed.gov); or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=7630>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, Select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply. GrantID: GD936

## **Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for Community College Faculty.**

*National Endowment for the Humanities* announces funds to provide a series of one-week residence-based workshops at historic sites for community college educators teaching the introductory college course in American history, government, literature, art history, or other related subjects in the humanities. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2006. Approximately 10 awards up to \$240,000 are available. For further information, contact NEH's Division of Education Programs at (202) 606-8463 or [sem-inst@neh.gov](mailto:sem-inst@neh.gov); or go to: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/landmarksccl.html#program>. GrantID: GD934

## **Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for Schoolteachers.**

*National Endowment for the Humanities* announces funds for a series of one week residence based workshops for K-12 educators that use historic sites to address central themes and issues in American history, government, literature, art history, or other related subjects in the humanities. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is March 15,

2006. Approximately 20 awards up to \$300,000 are available. A match is required. For further information, contact National Endowment for the Humanities at (202) 606-8463 or go to: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/landmarks.html#admin>. GrantID: GD933

## **District Opportunities**

### **REVISED District of Columbia Renewable Energy Demonstration Project (REDP).**

*DC Energy Office* announces funds for the DC REDP, which has been developed to increase the awareness and use of renewable electricity generation technologies by District of Columbia residents, businesses, and institutions. The DC REDP will provide qualified applicants up to 50% of the costs associated with implementing a mechanism to produce electricity using a renewable source of fuel. Eligible applicants include individuals, organizations, businesses, schools, and public agencies. The deadline for applications has been changed to **March 3, 2006**. Approximately \$163,000 is available. The Pre-Application Conference has been rescheduled for **January 31, 2006**. For further information, contact LaKeisha Estep at (202) 671-1403; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,1316,q,586841,opgdNav,33041.asp>. GrantID: GD909

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

*Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH), New Media and Audio Artist Program*, January 20, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

*Executive Office of the Mayor, District Voting Rights Education Outreach*, February 3, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

*State Education Agency, Adult and Family Literacy Services Grant*, February 3, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

*Department of Health, 2006 Ryan White Title II, Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA), Vocational Employment Training*, February 13, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

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*Department of Human Service, Unified Communications Center (UCC) Child Development Center Operation, February 17, 2006, at 2:00 p.m.*

*Office of the Secretary, Escheated Estates Fund, March 31, June 30, September 29, and December 28, 2006.*

*Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.*

## Foundation Opportunities

**Community Collaboration Grant Program.** *The Partnership for a Nation of Learners and Institute of Museum and Library Services* announce funds to build and strengthen working relationships among libraries, museums, and public broadcasting licensees that enhance their respective roles within their communities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2006. Awards ranging from \$25,000-\$250,000 are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.partnershipforlearners.org/pnlgrants.php>. GrantID: GD937

**Criminal Justice Issues.** *The Open Society Institute (OSI)* announces funds to improve the fair administration of criminal justice in the U.S. The project awards grants in three areas affecting youth and adults in the criminal justice system: improving public defense services; death penalty reform; and racial profiling. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. There is no deadline date for Letters of Inquiry. For further information, contact Karla Lopez at (212) 548-4666 or [klopez@sorosny.org](mailto:klopez@sorosny.org); or go to: [http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus\\_areas/gideon](http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas/gideon). GrantID: GD939

**Orange Thumb Grant Program.** *Fiskars Garden and Outdoor Living* announce funds to support community garden groups in the U.S., geared toward community involvement, neighborhood beautification, sustainable agriculture, and/or horticultural education. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, nonprofits, faith-based, and community-based organizations. The deadline

for applications is March 17, 2006. Awards ranging from \$800-\$1,500 are available. For further information, go to: <http://www.fiskars.com/US/Garden/Project+Orange+Thumb/About>. GrantID: GD938

**REMINDER. HOPE II.** *Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.* announces funds to establish subgrantee sites in urban, high crime areas across the U.S. Subawards will be used to: (1) increase the number of crime victims served in the target community; (2) increase training opportunities for service providers assisting victims of crime; and/or (3) increase the ability of agencies providing services to crime victims to collaborate and form networks with victim service agencies. Eligible applicants include faith-based and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2006. Approximately 48 awards of up to \$50,000 are available. For further information, contact Natalie Sarfin at (301) 952-0063 or [natalie@mdcrimevictims.org](mailto:natalie@mdcrimevictims.org); or go to: <http://www.mdcrimevictims.org/>. GrantID: GD871

## Resources & Announcements

**Creating a Grantseeking Calendar.** *Grant Station* is offering a free exercise to assist organizations to create a calendar that builds a grantseeking schedule around a set of projects or programs previously identified by the organization. To create a grantseeking calendar for this calendar year, go through the following exercises and fill out the worksheets at the website listed below. This will help organizations to focus on grantseeking for 2006. This week Grant Station will cover information that organizations should gather and in what format. For further instructions, go to: [http://www.grantstation.com/Public/News\\_Views\\_px/trackstosuccess.html](http://www.grantstation.com/Public/News_Views_px/trackstosuccess.html).

**Fannie Mae Foundation Fellowship Program in Affordable Housing.** *The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University* and the *Fannie Mae Foundation* are accepting applications to support the professional development of senior state and local government officials and nonprofit leaders committed to affordable housing in the U.S. The fellowship program will enhance the management and decision-making skills of accomplished leaders experienced in managing housing and community

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development programs. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2006. For further information, go to: [http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org/grants/kennedy\\_school.shtml](http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org/grants/kennedy_school.shtml).

## **The Purpose Prize Awards for Americans**

**Leading with Experience.** *Civic Ventures* announces the Purpose Prize Award to Americans over 60 whose creativity, talent and experience is transforming the way our nation addresses critical social problems. The application deadline is February 28, 2006. Approximately 5 awards up to \$100,000 are available, and sixty semi-finalists will receive national recognition for their work. For further information, go to: <http://www.leadwithexperience.org/prize/>.

**Youth-Led Social Change Projects.** *YouthActionNet* will present awards to youth leaders and emerging projects that promote social change and connect youth with local communities. To be eligible, youth-led projects should have clearly defined goals and the potential for growth or further replication. Final selections will be made following a peer-review process in which previous award winners select the next round of awardees. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2006. Award recipients will receive \$500 and will be eligible to participate in an international capacity-building workshop. For further information, go to: [http://www.youthactionnet.org/yan\\_awards](http://www.youthactionnet.org/yan_awards).

## **Previous Announcements**

### **2006-2007 AmeriCorps State Funding Grant**

**Reviewers.** *Serve DC* is seeking individuals to review grant proposals for AmeriCorps State funds. This is an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues in the national service world, learn more about the grant-making process, develop your own grant-writing skills, learn about exciting things happening in national service programs, and contribute your knowledge and experience to our efforts to select high-quality programs for funding. For further information and to apply, forward your resume to: John Savage, AmeriCorps Program Officer, Serve DC, 441 4th Street, Suite 1040S, Washington, DC 20001 or [servedc1@dc.gov](mailto:servedc1@dc.gov) or call (202) 727-7925.

**2006 John W. Gardner Leadership Award and the Leadership IS Award.** *Independent Sector* honors outstanding organizations for their leadership in

investing in people of the independent sector as they work to build community. The award supports this important principle by acknowledging an organization that incorporates the development of future leaders in its policies and daily operations, and aims to recognize organizations that place an emphasis on internal leadership and staff, board, and volunteer development. To be eligible, an organization must be a nonprofit but need not be an Independent Sector member. The deadline for nominations is March 17, 2006. For further information, go to:

<http://www.independentsector.org/>.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hispanic Heritage Poster Contest.**

*VEGA Hispanic Yellow Pages, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs* invite artists throughout the metropolitan area to submit one piece of flat art that illustrates how Hispanic heritage thrives in your local community. The winning poster will receive the grand prize of \$3000, be featured on the front cover of the VEGA Hispanic Yellow Pages, and may be used for other promotional items such as billboards, t-shirts, programs, etc. The deadline is January 31, 2006. For further information, contact Jose Dominguez at [jose.dominguez@dc.gov](mailto:jose.dominguez@dc.gov); or go to <http://www.dcarts.dc.gov/dcarts/site/default.asp>.

**Coming Up Taller Awards.** *The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities,* recognizes and rewards outstanding arts and humanities programs that engage children by giving them safe environments in which to learn and develop their skills and aspirations. Programs should reach children during the most vulnerable time of their days: after school, on weekends and during summers. Approximately 10 awards up to \$10,000 are available. The deadline for applications is January 30, 2006. For further information, go to: <http://www.cominguptaller.org/new.html>.

**Comments Requested-District's 2006 Application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant.** *The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice* requests comments on the District's 2006 Application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG)



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Grant. The JAG Program will allow the District Government to support a range of activities to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most. Copies of the FY06 JAG Application's projected use of funds are available Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., at the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, Justice Grants Administration, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004, Suite 327. The deadline for written comments is January 25, 2006, by close of business. Comments should be addressed to John Hallums, Director, and Attention: Phyllis McKinney, JGA, at the address listed above. For further information, contact Phyllis McKinney at (202) 727-1700; or go to: <http://jga.oca.dc.gov/jga/site/default.asp>.

**Giant Step Award to Recognize Achievements of School and Public Libraries.** *Thomson Gale and School Library Journal* recognize outstanding school and public libraries that have made significant improvement or created new initiatives in programs and services that greatly impact student learning and development, or that enrich services in both the school and the community. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2006. For further information, go to: [http://www.galeschools.com/grant\\_goldmine/giantaward/about\\_giant.htm](http://www.galeschools.com/grant_goldmine/giantaward/about_giant.htm).

**National School and Business Partnerships Award.** *The Council for Corporate and School Partnerships* supports and recognizes the efforts of schools and businesses that partner to improve the academic, social or physical well-being of students. Eligible applicants include partnerships involving K-12th grade public schools and/or school districts and businesses. Awards up to \$10,000 are available. The deadline for applications is January 30, 2006. For further information, go to: <http://www.corpschoolpartners.org/>.

**Taking Control of Your Annual Fund Whitepaper.** *Blackbaud* has published a free report to assist organizations with building donor loyalty. An annual fund can be the cornerstone of a successful fundraising program. If developed correctly, annual

fund solicitations can improve an organization's annual fundraising results and help to identify those who are most likely to become your best planned gift and major gift prospects. To download a free copy of this report, go to:

<http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/5002103/blackbaud/bb>.

**Technology Program.** *NP Online Action* is accepting applications to improve websites, online donations, software technology, and build networks within U.S.-based nonprofit organizations. For further information, go to: <http://www.charityadvantage.com/>.

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